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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF CARTHAGE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1954

The Knowlton & McLeary Co., Printers
Farmington, Maine
1954

Town Officers for 1953

Clerk

PEARL HUTCHINSON

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

CHARLES N. MORSE

ASA C. FLAGG

ARTHUR S. HUTCHINSON

Road Commissioner

RALPH E. BLODGETT

Treasurer

ISABELLE V. HUTCHINSON

Superintending School Committee

HUBERT A. JOHNSON

JOSIAH T. CLARK

ETHEL NOYES

Superintendent of Schools

BRUCE J. KINNEY

Constable and Collector

LEE G. HUTCHINSON

Health Officer

A. E. BURGESS

Sealer of Weights and Measures

HURCHIAL E. NOYES

Budget Committee

ROBERT SMITH

LEE G. HUTCHINSON

PHILIP BENNER

HURCHIAL E. NOYES

JOSIAH T. CLARK

YOUR TOWN
(Reprinted from the Maine Townsman)

The following poem by H. W. Hazlett, published in the "Texas Municipalities", official magazine of the Texas Municipalities. We liked it and we believe you will like it too.

If you want to live in the kind of a town,
Like the kind of a town you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And go on a long, long hike.

You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town,
It isn't the town it's you.

Real towns are not made by men afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead;
When everyone works and nobody shirks
You can raise a town from the dead.

And if you make your Personal stake,
Your neighbor can make one too,
Your town will be what you want it to be;
It isn't your town . . . it's YOU.

Town Warrant

FRANKLIN, SS.

STATE OF MAINE

To Lee G. Hutchinson, a Constable in the Town of Carthage in said County,
Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Carthage, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Grange Hall, Berry Mills, in said Town on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1954, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to elect all Town Officers by nominations from the floor.

Article 3. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Reports of the Municipal Officers for the year ending February 12, 1954.

Article 5. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate and raise for the support of Common Schools, including Tuition, School Office Expense, High School Tuition, Interest on School Funds, including Superintendent of Schools, Insurance and School House Repairs, Textbooks, Supplies and High School Conveyance.

Recommended \$7,054.69

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to close permanently the Stickney Corner School.

Recommended Yes

Article 8. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise toward the Water System and Flush Toilet installation at the Berry Mills Grammar School.

Recommended \$1,000.00

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$500.00, the note and interest of \$40.00 to pay on the school bus.

Recommended \$540.00

Article 10. To see what the Town will vote to do with the money received for the use of the Town Truck and Plow.

Article 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the repair of Summer Roads and Bridges.

Recommended \$600.00

Article 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for State Aid Road Construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944 as amended.

Recommended \$600.00

Article 13. To see what sum, if any, the Town will recommend to take from the Joint State Aid account for the purpose of applying Bituminous surface treatment to State Aid Roads, in excess of the requirements of Section L., 1935.

Recommended None

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Road Tools.

Recommended None

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the purpose of Plowing and Sanding Winter Roads on Routes 2, 142, State Aid No. 3 and 4.

Recommended \$475.00

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Winter Roads.

Recommended None

Article 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the care of the Poor.

Recommended \$100.00

Article 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the support of the South Franklin County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

Recommended \$125.00.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise the sum of \$20.00, being dues to the Maine Municipal Association.

Recommended \$20.00

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Discount on Taxes.

Recommended \$275.00

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Overdrawn Accounts.

Recommended \$2,861.54

Article 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Abatements.

Recommended None

Article 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Current Expenses.

Recommended \$2,000.00
(To be taken from Surplus)

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to hire sums of money as may be necessary to pay Town Charges and Town Debts, in anticipation of the Collection of Taxes and to issue and negotiate the note or notes of the Town so borrowed to an amount not to exceed in the aggregate the total tax levy of the preceeding municipal year, as temporary loans.

Recommended Yes

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the S. S. Committee to arrange the place and number of Schools for the ensuing year to the best interests of the Town.

Recommended Yes

Article 26. To see whether or not the Town will vote to appropriate and raise the sum of \$25.00 to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the Natural Resources, Advantages and Attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, R. S. 1930.

Recommended \$25.00

Article 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the care of Cemeteries.

Recommended \$50.00

Article 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the necessary Bonds for the Town Officers.

Recommended \$45.00

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town, for non-payment of Taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Recommended Yes

Article 30. To see what rate per-cent, and final date to be allowed on Discount of Taxes on the 1954 Commitment, Poll Tax excepted.

August 20 — 3%

Article 31. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Medical and Dental Services for children, to be spent under the direction of the local Health Committee.

Recommended \$50.00

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to sell and assign unmatured Tax Mortgage Liens for the amount unpaid and Interest and Cost.

Recommended Yes

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when Taxes are due and payable.

Recommended December 1

Article 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the Fire Department and to apportion same between the Berry Mills Company and the South Carthage Company

Recommended \$400.00
for So. Carthage Dept. \$100.00 Ins.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to have the Selectmen appoint a Budget Committee consisting of five citizens of the Town.

Recommended Yes

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to have printed in the Town Reports a true list of every Tax-payers account.

Recommended Yes

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$100.00 for the benefit of the Rumford Community Hospital.

Recommended \$100.00

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for cutting bushes on Town Roads.

Recommended \$150.00

Article 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Office Equipment.

Recommended None

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise the sum of \$200.00 for the Civil Defense and Public Safety Program.

Recommended None

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise the sum of \$300.00, to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and Federal Government in control of white pine blister rust, in accordance with R. S. Chapter 32, Sec. 54.

Recommended \$300.00

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to close the road from Elliot's Pines to the Dexter Berry farm, so called.

Recommended Yes

Article 43. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for reroofing the Town Office.

Recommended \$75.00

Article 44. To see what action, if any, the Town will take in regard to moving the Town Office to the cement foundation, adjacent to the Town Garage and to see how much money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for same.

Recommended \$75.00

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey the Stickney Corner School building.

Recommended Yes

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to arrange for the plowing and sanding of Winter Roads to the best interest of the Town.

Recommended Yes

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of all Roads in the hands of the Selectmen.

Recommended Yes

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to offer the Town Truck and Snow Removal Equipment for sale and to empower them to accept or reject any or all bids.

Recommended Yes

Article 49. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Grange Hall, Berry Mills, in said Town, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon on said day of said meeting, for revising and correcting the list of Voters.

Given under our hands at Carthage, this 12th day of February,
A. D. 1954.

CHARLES N. MORSE,
ASA C. FLAGG,
ARTHUR S. HUTCHINSON,

Selectmen of Carthage.

Report of Selectmen and Assessors

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Carthage:

We would like to call your attention to some of our principal activities during the past year.

As a result of reimbursement from the State for \$1,232.14 on our flood damage in the Spring our Summer Roads account was greatly relieved.

The \$600.00 raised for State Aid Road construction was not enough to cover the cost of the job outlined by the State, hence it has been placed in a Certificate of Deposit at the Dixfield Bank.

On our Unimproved Roads our State share doubled, we received \$1,207.66, enabling us to replace two wooden bridges with metal, the upkeep of which will be much less. All of this money was expended on the Hanscom Valley Road.

After careful consideration, we deemed it advisable to petition the County Commissioners to close the following roads to Winter breaking: Arthur Hutchinson to Asa Flagg farm; C. H. Ranger to the John L. Hammond Farm; Elliot's Pines to the Grace Roberts farm, this action has helped to keep our Winter Roads' bills down.

Our Treasurer has received from the State, \$6,085.55, for the School Department, being \$1,277.55 more than last year. The \$500.00 raised for a Water System and Flush Toilet in our School has been placed in a Certificate of Deposit at the Bank, awaiting a sufficient amount to carry out this project.

We have established a Town Dump, on finding a location that met the approval of the State Forest Department we found it impossible to purchase as small a piece of land as it required, we had to buy 18 acres, the Foss Judkins land. The land has been cleared, the road improved and a culvert installed, also a sand or gravel pit has been opened, which may prove to be an asset to the Town in years to come.

Last Spring an elderly Mr. Allen died in Carthage and for several days it looked as though Carthage would have to settle the funeral bill of \$165.00, after diligent investigation it was established that he was a resident of Mexico. We feel very satisfied with our efforts in relieving

the Town of that expense. We are sorry that we do have a Poor Account, everything possible was done to avoid this, but we finally had to pay \$383.94. We have helped only one State Pauper and have received reimbursement from the State in this instance, it was less than \$6.00.

We mailed out notices on the 1951 Tax Liens and as a result these have been very nearly cleared up.

The Town has not found it necessary to hire any money this year or give any notes. All bills are paid, School bills are paid to March 15. The Town is out of debt, with the exception of the School Bus note which is not due until next year.

By having a substantial Surplus Account the Current Expenses were taken from this, thereby cutting our appropriation \$1,600.00. Our Tax Rate was lowered 14 mills, one of the lowest in the State.

The increase in the Town's Surplus from \$5,841.77 a year ago to \$6,149.19 (after \$1,600.00 appropriation for Current Expenses taken from Surplus) has come from the following sources:

Increase:

Overlay	\$364 46
Excess of Excise Tax collections over amount applied against tax commitment	135 60
Collection of Costs and Interest on Taxes and tax liens, etc.	86 09
Supplemental Taxes collected	6 00
Increase in Unexpended Balances (Principally School Repairs and Equipment)	851 03
Decrease in Overdrafts (Reduction of Current Expenses)	446 24
Unexpended balance of Truck Interest	18 00
Total Increase	<hr/> \$1,907 42

Decrease:

Appropriation for Current Expenses taken from Surplus	<hr/> \$1,600 00
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Net Increase	<hr/> 307 42
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The cash balance with which to start the coming year is \$5,067.40.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. MORSE,
ASA FLAGG,
ARTHUR HUTCHINSON,

Selectmen of Carthage.

To the Citizens of the Town of Carthage:

Valuation of Property and Number of Polls Taxed June, 1953.

VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE

Resident	\$ 61,990 00
Non-Resident	129,035 00
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Total	\$191,025 00

PERSONAL ESTATE

Resident	\$20,090 00
Non-Resident	1,395 00
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	\$ 21,485 00

Grand Total Valuation	<hr/> \$212,510 00
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Total Value of Land	\$148,665 00
Total Value of Buildings	42,360 00
Number of Polls Taxed	85
Number of Polls not Taxed	20
Rate of Poll Tax	3 00
Rate of Taxation	.070
Rate of Collection	.02

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Value
Steers	2	\$ 180 00
Horses and Mules	14	1,205 00
Cows	74	5,325 00
Poultry	547	190 00
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Total		\$6,900 00

EXEMPT POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

	No.	Value
Yearlings	36	\$ 540 00
Kids	6	48 00
Swine	20	175 00
Poultry	183	110 00
Sheep	19	150 00
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Total		\$1,023 00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

	No.	Value
Stock in Trade		\$3,550 00
Lumber (M feet)	49	895 00
Wood and Bark (Cords)	20	120 00
Gasoline Pumps	3	450 00
Boats	2	95 00
Radios	74	-1,385 00
Tractors	2	125 00
Machinery and Equipment		4,405 00
Musical Instruments	9	225 00
Other Property		3,335 00
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Total		\$14,585 00
Taxable Livestock and Poultry		\$ 6,900 00
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Total Personal Estate		\$21,485 00

INDUSTRIAL AND UTILITY PROPERTY

	No.	Value
Saw Mills	2	\$ 900 00
Wood Working Mills	1	500 00
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Total		\$1,400 00

MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED—1953

Common Schools	\$7,144 77
Summer Roads and Bridges	600 00
State Aid Road Construction	600 00
Plowing and Sanding Roads	475 00

Winter Roads	\$ 350 00
So. Franklin County T.B. and Health Association	125 00
Land for Town Dump	500 00
Installation of Water System and Flush Toilets	500 00
Fire Protection Insurance	100 00
Fire Protection—Berrys Mills Co.	200 00
Maine Municipal Association	20 00
Discount on Taxes	275 00
Overdrawn Accounts	3,059 93
Bonds for Town Officers	45 00
Note on School Bus	580 00
Fire Protection—South Carthage Co.	300 00
Rumford Community Hospital	100 00
Cutting Bushes on Town Roads	150 00
Office Equipment	25 00
Total	<hr/> \$15,149 70

COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED TO RESIDENTS
OF THE TOWN OF CARTHAGE FOR THE YEAR 1953

Adams, Lyman	\$ 39 75
Barnett, Alfred	57 25
Benner, Philip	104 50
Berry, Raymond	33 80
Berry, Ruel	49 20
Berry, Sidney	60 05
Bishop, Roy	31 70
Blodgett, Minnie	24 50
Blodgett, Ralph	4 75
Brooks, Robert	3 00
Blood, Oliver	4 75
Brown, Alvin	48 15
Brown, John W.	50 05
Burgess, A. E.	31 50
Casey, John	25 05
Chase, Llewellyn	3 00
Clark, Josiah	39 05
Coburn, John G.	140 70
Collins, Kennett	34 50
Collins, Kermit	38 00

Carrier, Leo	\$129 50
Cyr, Anatole	4 05
Davis, Earl & Lena	63 20
Devine, Theodore	3 00
Durrah, James	4 05
Bradeen, Donald	4 05
Ellis, Kenneth	4 05
Ellis, Mary	38 50
Fish, Benjamin	19 10
Flagg, Asa C.	179 75
Flagg, Ellis, Heir of	1 40
Flagg, Kenneth	4 05
Flagg, Minot	30 30
Girardin, Alfred	6 50
Girardin, George	32 75
Greenwood, Charles	9 30
Hammond, J. C.	32 75
Hammond, J. L.	98 35
Hammond, M. E.	95 40
Hanscom, M. E.	106 75
Hill, Lovid	23 30
Houghton, Conrid	9 30
Houghton, Kermit	17 00
Howard, Elmer	18 05
Hutchinson, Arthur	343 35
Hutchinson, Cecil	4 05
Hutchinson, Earl	24 00
Hutchinson, Edith	53 20
Hutchinson, Ivus	26 25
Hutchinson, L. G.	221 40
Hutchinson, Mabel	4 90
Hutchinson, O. V., Heirs of	254 45
Hutchinson, P. K.	24 00
Hutchinson, S. G.	3 00
Hutchinson, Thedmore	4 05
Hutchinson, Tyler	98 55
Hall, James	21 55
Hutchinson, Frank S.	3 00
Jackson, Erwin	36 25
Jellison, Manley	61 45

Johnson, A. D.	\$ 47 10
Johnson, Hubert	85 60
Kneeland, G. W., Heirs of	47 95
Knox, Donald	3 00
Knox, Randall	3 00
Knox, Theodore	11 05
King, Ralph	4 05
Marsh, H. B.	24 50
Mason, George & Dorothy	206 50
Mason, Dorothy & Johnson, Beatrice	27 30
Morse, C. N.	125 85
Noyes, C. C.	47 80
Noyes, C. C. & Son	133 00
Noyes, Hurchial	72 65
Packard, Arthur	3 00
Peterson, George	88 40
Pomeroy, Harry Jr.	5 80
Ranger, C. H., Inc.	218 40
Ranger, C. H.	4 05
Ranger, Blanche	77 00
Robbins, G. C.	94 50
Ruff, Eleanor	27 30
Ruff, Norman	4 75
Sabine, Charles	3 00
Skidgell, Amzy	36 25
Smith, H. L.	278 95
Smith, Reginald	60 75
Smith, Robert	33 10
Stone, Cora	28 00
Stone, Arthur	4 05
Stevens, F. E.	64 40
Swett, Mildred	29 05
Swett, R. C., Heirs of	126 00
Swett, R. D.	16 30
Tardy, George	8 25
Tardy, Lawrence	4 05
Turner, Stillman	44 65
Virgin, A. D.	3 00
Virgin, Ralph	28 55
Voter, Virgal	4 75

Voter, Eldon	\$ 67 75
Walker, C. S.	42 55
Walker, Harold	11 05
Walton, Mertice	33 25
Wardwell, Richard	4 05
Webster, Earl	88 05
Webster, Lewis	3 00
Webster, Millard	154 20
Welch, Joseph & Gagnon, Henry	1 40
Welch, Joseph	13 50
White Brothers	63 00
White, Cuvier	121 30
White, C. E., Heirs of	131 25
White, Hurchial	19 10
White, Zilla	43 75
White, Elijah	83 50
Whittemore, Alice	36 05
Whittemore, Donald	3 00
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Total Resident	\$6,000 60

COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED TO
NON-RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF
CARTHAGE FOR 1953

Belanger, Henry	\$ 33 25
Blanchard, C. F., Heirs of	536 90
Blanchard, Fred	126 00
Blanchard, John	60 90
Bradeen, Harris	14 00
Carver, Harry	136 50
Central Maine Power Co.	85 75
Cushman, John	31 50
Cushman, John, Administrator	52 50
Deane, Winslow & Dorothy	110 60
Diamond Match Co.	245 00
Dickson, T. L.	16 80
Fairbanks, Mervin	5 25
Fish, Cameron	16 10
Flagg, Wm. & Freda	14 70
Foster, C. E., Heirs of	42 00

Gallant, Joe	\$ 35 35
Gates, Alden & Lydia	14 00
Gill, Erlon & Kidder Wirt	65 80
Goglia, Bertha	35 00
Gordon, Ralph	10 85
Green, Alden	45 50
Gulf Oil Corp.	21 00
Hall, Ralph	78 75
Hansen, Clarence	23 10
Hansen, H. W.	85 05
Harding, Owen	12 95
Hinkley, Daisy	19 25
Holman, Wendell	28 00
Holt, Raymond	81 90
Hutchinson, Eben	22 75
Hutchinson, Laforest Jr., Heirs of	39 55
Judkins, E. P.	4 90
Judkins, L. E.	6 30
Lancaster, Bryant	42 00
Leach, Irene	4 90
Libby, Carroll Jr.	3 15
Lowe, H. M., Heirs of	137 20
Mallett, Philip	90 30
Marble, John C.	351 05
Marble, Rosella	1,230 60
Masterman, Gladys	8 75
Maxwell, Elva, Heirs of	28 00
McCauley, Muriel	49 00
Me. Cons. Power Co.	385 00
Merril, Forest & Emery, Gerry	14 00
Mitchell, Josie	4 90
Mitchell, Levander	8 75
Millett, Lloyd	108 50
Morrison, Fred	140 70
Morse, George	12 95
Morse, Methyl	45 50
Noyes, Roy	3 50
Oxford Paper Co.	200 10
Parylla, John	4 20
Peabody, Sabine & Young, Harry	14 00

Rice, Lillian	\$ 78 75
Ridgewell, James	10 50
Robbins, Ernest	1 75
Robbins, Minnie & Travis, Clara	36 75
Roberts, Grace	78 40
Rollins, John	19 60
Rumford Lumber Co.	15 75
Sanborn, Bert	102 90
Small, A. E.	17 50
Stowell, Newton & Rand	224 00
Strout, O. B.	43 75
Swett, Ethel	4 90
Sun Oil Co.	10 50
Timberland Inc.	2,989 35
Toothaker, Rupert	12 25
Tribou, Earl	79 10
Tribou, Marion	148 75
Wardwell, Mildred	12 25
Williams, Stanley	4 20
Williams, Stanley & Potter, Philip & Donald	12 25
Willoughby, Edwin	10 50
Winter, Ralph	140 00
Witham, Dana, Whittemore, Wm. & Wright, Edwin	10 50
White, Ervin	11 20
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Total Non-Resident	\$9,130 10
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Total Taxes Assessed before Supplemental Taxes	\$15,130 70
Supplemental Taxes	6 00
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Total Taxes Committed to Collector	\$15,136 70

COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF ABATEMENTS OF TAXES
FOR THE YEAR 1953

Manley Jellison	\$ 3 00
George Tardy	3 00
Charles Greenwood	3 00
Sun Oil Co.	10 50
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Total Abatements	\$ 19 50

CURRENT EXPENSES

Appropriation (from Surplus)	\$1,600 00	
Overdraft Appropriation	721 62	
Dog License Refund	13 01	
Forest Fire Refund	4 05	
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Available		\$2,338 68
Expended	\$1,798 13	
Overdraft—1952	721 62	
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Total Expended		\$2,519 75
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Overdraft to 1954-55		\$ 181 07

Detail of Expenditures

Charles Morse, First Selectman	\$ 200 00
Asa Flagg, Second Selectman	195 00
Arthur Hutchinson, Third Selectman	190 00
Isabelle Hutchinson, Treasurer	60 00
Pearl Hutchinson, Town Clerk	20 00
L. G. Hutchinson, Collecting Taxes	362 27
L. G. Hutchinson, Collecting Excise Taxes	22 95
Recording and Discharging Liens and Deed	
Transfers	72 10
A. E. Burgess, Health Officer	12 00
A. W. Smith, Auditor	175 00
Treasurer of State, Water Tests	3 90
Geo. Peterson, Constable	3 25
The Knowlton & McLeary Co., Town Reports	216 69
Books and Supplies	51 98
Charles Morse, Use of Auto	40 00
Pearl Hutchinson, Vital Statistics	6 25
Postage	23 46
Lights for Town Office and Garage	32 88
Mason's Store—Groceries, Mary Russell Fire	1 31
Rand Bridge Fire	8 10
Telephone	63 86

Rumford Bank and Trust Co.—Service Charges	\$11 96	
School Board	22 50	
Howard Kyes, Insurance	2 67	
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Total Expended		\$1,798 13

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Unexpended—1952	\$34 31	
Appropriated	25 00	
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Unexpended Balance		\$59 31

CIVIL DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM

Unexpended—1952	\$175 00	
Expended	3 05	
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Unexpended Balance		\$171 95

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

BERRY MILLS COMPANY		
Unexpended—1952	\$ 61 40	
Appropriated	200 00	
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Total Available		\$261 40
Expended		\$ 30 09
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Unexpended Balance		\$231 31

SOUTH CARTHAGE COMPANY		
Unexpended—1952	\$ 56 12	
Appropriated	300 00	
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Total Available		\$356 12
Expended		\$380 28
Overdraft to 1954-1955		\$ 24 16

INSURANCE	
Appropriated	\$100 00
Expended	97 00

Unexpended Balance	\$ 3 00
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RUMFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Appropriated	\$100 00
Expended	100 00

MEDICAL CARE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Unexpended—1952	\$44 25
Expended	38 05

Unexpended Balance	\$6 20
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SO. FRANKLIN COUNTY T. B. & HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Appropriated	\$125 00
Expended	125 00

INSTALLATION OF WATER SYSTEM & FLUSH
TOILETS — Berry Mills G. S.

Appropriated	\$500 00
Transferred to Bank (Cert. of Deposit)	500 00

LAND FOR TOWN DUMP

Appropriated	\$500 00
Expended	457 68

Unexpended Balance	\$42 32
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PAINTING AND PLANKING IRON BRIDGES

Unexpended—1952	\$91 22
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MAINTENANCE OF UNIMPROVED ROADS

Overdraft Appropriation	\$ 133 30
Rec'd from State of Maine	1,207 66

Total Available	\$1,340 96
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Overdraft—1952	\$ 133 30	
Expended	1,308 30	
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Total		\$1,441 60
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Overdraft to 1954-1955		\$100 64

SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES

Overdraft Appropriation	\$336 53	
Appropriated	600 00	
Flood Damage Refund	1,232 14	
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Total Available		\$2,168 67
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Overdraft—1952	\$ 336 53	
Expended	3,316 70	
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Total		\$3,653 23
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Overdraft to 1954-1955		\$1,484 56

WINTER ROADS

Overdraft Appropriation	\$123 98	
Appropriated	350 00	
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Total Available		\$473 98
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Overdraft—1952	\$123 98	
Expended	34 44	
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Total		\$158 42
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Unexpended Balance		\$315 56

PLOWING AND SANDING

Appropriated	\$ 475 00	
State of Maine	1,612 40	
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Total Available		\$2,087 40

Overdraft—1952	\$ 753 40
Expended	1,835 50

Total	<u>\$2,588 90</u>
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Overdraft to 1954-1955	\$501 50
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STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Overdraft Appropriation	\$ 22 43
Appropriated	600 00

Total Available	<u>\$622 43</u>
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Overdraft—1952	\$ 22 43
Transferred to Bank (Cert. of Deposit)	600 00

Total	<u>\$622 43</u>
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STATE AID TOOLS

Unexpended—1952	\$18 47
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SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

Overdraft Appropriation	\$1,080 30
Received for Use of Plow and Truck	758 35

Total Available	<u>\$1,838 65</u>
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Overdraft—1952	\$1,080 30
Expended	1,785 44

Total	<u>\$2,865 74</u>
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Overdraft to 1954-1955	\$1,027 09
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CUTTING BUSHES ON TOWN ROADS

Unexpended—1952	\$ 4 61
Appropriated	150 00

Total Available	\$154 61
Expended	128 61

Unexpended Balance	<u>\$ 26 00</u>
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TOWN POOR

Unexpended—1952	\$339 92	
Expended	383 94	
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Overdraft to 1954-1955		\$44 02

STATE POOR

Received from State of Maine	\$5 58	
Expended	5 58	

CARE OF CEMETERIES

Unexpended—1952	\$62 62	
Expended	44 85	
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Unexpended Balance		\$17 77

MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Appropriated	\$20 00	
Expended	20 00	

BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriated	\$45 00	
Expended	45 00	

SCHOOL BUS NOTES

Overdraft Appropriation	\$ 35 00	
Appropriated	580 00	
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Total Available		\$615 00
Overdraft—1952	\$ 35 00	
Expended	560 00	
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Total		\$595 00
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 20 00

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Account	Principal	Interest Available
F. P. Staples	\$ 50 00	\$ 1 72
W. E. Putnam	200 00	60 64
F. W. Brown	100 00	19 21
Ada M. Smith	115 00	2 02
Total	\$465 00	\$83 59

DELINQUENT TAXES

1953 Taxes		
Details on Tax Collector's Report		\$1,321 35
1952 Taxes		
Sylvanus Bradeen	\$ 3 00	
Harry E. Pomeroy	5 04	
Earl and Lena Davis	12 60	
Total		\$20 64
1951 Taxes		
Harry E. Pomeroy		\$9 20
1944 Taxes		
Bert Sanborn		\$28 05
Total Delinquent Taxes		\$1,379 24

TAX LIENS AND DEEDS SUMMARY

Year	Balance Feb. 6, 1953	Liens Placed	Collected	Balance Feb. 12, 1954
1952		\$617 81	\$100 66	\$517 15
1951	\$360 80		246 00	114 80
Total	\$360 80	\$617 81	\$346 66	\$631 95

DETAIL OF UNPAID TAX LIENS

1952		
Stillman Turner	\$ 28 56	
Asa Flagg	94 50	
Harris Bradeen	15 80	

John Brown	\$ 54 60	
C. S. Walker	46 20	
Urban Rowe	10 50	
Levander Mitchell	10 50	
Harry Pomeroy	2 10	
Lloyd Millett	129 36	
Carroll Libby Jr.	5 88	
Alden Green	63 00	
A. H. Barnett, Jr.	56 15	
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Total		\$517 15

1951

A. H. Barnett, Jr.	\$ 18 80	
Kermit Houghton	16 00	
Asa Flagg	80 00	
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Total		\$114 80

Total Unpaid Tax Liens \$631 95

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

State Aid Construction	\$600 00	
School Water and Flush—S. Carthage		
Grammar School	500 00	
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Total		\$1,100 00

SUMMARY OF OVERDRAFTS AND UNEXPENDED BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 12, 1954

Overdrafts

Current Expenses	\$ 181 07	
South Carthage Fire Co.	24 16	
Maintenance of Unimproved Roads	100 64	
Summer Roads and Bridges	1,484 56	
Plowing and Sanding	501 50	
Snow Removal Equipment	1,027 09	
Town Poor	44 02	
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Total Overdrafts		\$3,363 04

Unexpended Balances		
Office Equipment	\$ 59 31	
Civil Defense	171 95	
Berry Mills Fire Co.	231 31	
Insurance on Fire Depts.	3 00	
Land for Town Dump	42 32	
Painting and Planking Iron Bridges	91 22	
Winter Roads	315 56	
State Aid Tools	18 47	
Cutting Bushes on Town Roads	26 00	
Care of Cemeteries	17 77	
School Bus Notes	20 00	
Common Schools	1,646 01	
High School Conveyance	27 00	
School Repairs and Equipment	395 81	
School Office Expense	3 25	
School Dental Project	5 00	
Abatements	17 24	
Discount on Taxes	13 61	
Medical Care of School Children	6 20	
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Total Unexpended Balances		\$3,111 03
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NET OVERDRAFT		\$ 252 01

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. MORSE,
ASA FLAGG
ARTHUR HUTCHINSON,

Selectmen of Carthage.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand February 6, 1953

\$5,377 36

Receipts for the Year:

1953 Taxes	\$13,529 75
Prior Years' Taxes	407 64
Excise Taxes	1,013 90
Tax Liens	346 66
Costs, Interests, etc. on Tax Liens	59 80
Interests on Taxes	26 29
Discounts on Taxes	266 10
Abatements	19 50

State of Maine:

Plowing & Sanding Winter Rds.	\$1,612 40
State Poor	5 58
Forest Fire Refund	4 05
Schools	6,085 55
Flood Damage	1,232 14
Dog License Refund	13 01
Unimproved Roads	1,207 66

Total State of Maine	10,160 39
Town of Carthage, Snow Plow and Truck	758 35
Alton Jones, High School Conveyance	10 00
Firemen's Aux., South Carthage, Sale of Wood	35 00

Total Receipts	\$26,633 38
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Total Available	\$32,010 74
Warrants Paid	26,943 34

Cash on Hand February 12, 1954

\$ 5,067 40

Respectfully submitted,

ISABELLE HUTCHINSON,

Treasurer.

Tax Collector's Report

February 12, 1953.

As in previous years, the early ending of our fiscal year results in the listing below of numerous unpaid tax balances that will be paid or covered by tax liens within the next few days following closing of the Town books on the above date.

1953 TAXES UNPAID AS OF FEBRUARY 12, 1954

Alfred Barnett	\$ 46 90
Roy Bishop	11 70
John W. Brown	10 05
Llewellyn Chase	3 00
Kennett Collins	23 45
Mervin Fairbanks	5 25
Benjamin Fish	19 10
Joe Gallant	35 35
Lovid Hill	9 30
Raymond Holt	81 90
Conrid Houghton	6 30
Kermit Houghton	14 00
Arthur Hutchinson	343 35
Eben Hutchinson (Roland Provencher)	22 75
Heirs of Laforest R. Hutchinson	39 55
Erwin Jackson	5 25
Ralph King	4 05
Carroll Libby, Jr.	3 15
Lloyd Millett	108 50
Roy Noyes	3 50
Arthur Packard	3 00
Harry Pomeroy	5 80
Blanche Ranger	77 00
C. H. Ranger	1 05

C. H. Ranger, Inc.	\$218 40
Amzy Skidgell	33 25
Stillman Turner	29 65
C. S. Walker	38 50
Cuvier & Jane White	118 30

Total

\$1,321 35

Respectfully submitted,

LEE G. HUTCHINSON,

Collector.

Road Commissioner's Report

SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES

Labor:

R. E. Blodgett	\$157 25
A. H. Barnett, Jr.	20 88
Arthur Hutchinson	56 05
B. Howard	8 20
Theodore Hutchinson	48 72
E. Howard	17 50
Joseph Welch	57 41
Ben Fish	54 81
Tyler Hutchinson	71 81
A. Childs	31 32
Erwin Jackson	35 67
Stillman Turner	77 34
Philip Hill	14 79
Everett Gordon	6 96
Donald Houghton	8 70
Robert Smith	4 35
Reginald Smith	35 22
Roger Wright	65 25
James Howard	62 64
Donald Bradeen	5 22
H. Sweetser	13 92
F. Hutchinson, Jr.	6 96
Conrid Houghton	18 27
Sherman Sevey	18 27
Elijah White	4 00

Total Labor

\$901 51

Use of Trucks:

Town of Carthage	\$233 43
John Steel	144 00
H. G. Reynolds	165 36

R. E. Blodgett	\$183 24
Donald McKeen	53 72
Reginald Howes	53 72
Theodore Beal	53 72
Milton Stinchfield	53 72
Reginald Smith	5 40

Total Use of Trucks	\$946 31
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Use of Tractors:

John Steel	\$320 00
C. C. Noyes & Son	320 00

Total Use of Tractors	\$640 00
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Use of Dozers — Milton Stinchfield	\$ 136 00
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Use of Teams — Theodore Hutchinson	30 00
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Gravel — Edith Hutchinson	211 60
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Plank:

John Steel	\$ 10 00
C. C. Noyes & Son	216 37

Total Plank	226 37
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Dynamite — Baker's General Store	22 50
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Use of Chain Saw — A. H. Barnett, Jr.	5 00
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Shovel — Treasurer of State	35 00
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New England Culvert Co.	147 71
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Spikes and Tools — L. G. Hutchinson	14 70
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Grand Total — Summer Roads and Bridges	\$3,316 70
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WINTER ROADS

Millard Webster — Labor	\$10 44
Millard Webster — Truck	24 00

Total Winter Roads	\$34 44
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Respectfully submitted,

R. E. BLODGETT

Road Commissioner.

Report of Audit

Dixfield, Maine
February 15, 1954

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Carthage:

In accordance with the request of your municipal officers I have completed an examination of the accounts of the Town of Carthage for the year ending February 12, 1954.

In my opinion, based upon this examination, the accompanying balance sheet fairly presents the financial condition of your Town as of February 12, 1954.

BALANCE SHEET

February 12, 1954

ASSETS

Cash	\$5,067 40
Certificates of Deposit	1,100 00
Cemetery Trust Funds	465 00
Uncollected Taxes	1,379 24
Tax Liens and Deeds	631 95
New School Bus (Unappropriated Balance)	1,429 00
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Total Assets	\$10,072 59

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Liabilities:

Withholding Taxes Due Collector	\$ 108 40
Ministerial School Fund Borrowed	750 00
Reserve for Cemetery Trust Funds	465 00
Reserve for Certificates of Deposit	1,100 00
Notes Payable	1,500 00
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Total Liabilities \$3,923 40

Surplus:

General Surplus	\$6,401 20
Less—Net Overdrafts Carried Forward to 1954-1955	252 01
Net Surplus	<u>\$6,149 19</u>
Total Liabilities and Surplus	<u>\$10,072 59</u>

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

Cash on Hand February 6, 1953	\$ 5,377 36
Receipts for the Year	26,633 38
Total Available	<u>\$32,010 74</u>
Checks Issued	26,943 34
Cash on Hand February 12, 1954	<u>\$ 5,067 40</u>

RECONCILIATION WITH BANK

Bank Balance February 12, 1954	\$6,621 48
Cash on Hand	1,252 05
Total	<u>\$7,873 53</u>
Less—Outstanding Checks	2,806 13
Cash Book Balance February 12, 1954	<u>\$5,067 40</u>

A complete audit report containing the following exhibits and schedules will be available at your Selectmen's office:

- Exhibit A — Balance Sheet
 B — Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
 C — Valuation, Tax Assessment and Collection
 D — Analysis of Changes in Surplus
 E — Statement of Departmental Operations
- Schedule 1 — Summary of Taxes
 2 — Summary of Tax Liens and Deeds
 3 — Trust Funds
 4 — Details of Notes Payable
 5 — Certificates of Deposit

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN E. FIFIELD,

Auditor.

Carthage School Report

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Carthage:

I hereby submit my first annual report of the Carthage Schools:

The Carthage School opened last fall with Mr. Owen Oliver in the Grammar Section and Mrs. Mildred Swett teaching the Primary Grades. Mr. Donald Nichols continued as Music Supervisor.

Statistics relative to teachers, enrollment and attendance follows:

TEACHERS

School	Teacher	Salary
Berry Mills Grammar	Owen Oliver	\$2,400 00
Berry Mills Primary	Mildred Swett	2,000 00
Music	Donald Nichols	285 00

ATTENDANCE — SCHOOL YEAR 1952-1953

Grade	No. of Pupils	Ave. Yearly Attendance
4, 5, 6 & 7	30	25.55
S. P., 1, 2 & 3	37	28.79
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HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

The following students were enrolled in High School for the Fall Term of 1953:

At Dixfield High School:

Freshmen: Kennett Collins (2 weeks), Elizabeth Crush, Melvin Smith, Lita Smith, Loretta Skidgell, Everett Skidgell.

Sophomores: Lee Hutchinson, Roger Webster.

Juniors: Lyle White.

Seniors: Nila Collins (2 weeks), Errol Hammond (10 weeks), Gail Hutchinson, Frank Hutchinson.

At North Yarmouth Academy: Charla Morse.

Of the students listed above, three have left school and two will graduate from high school in June. We have six students in the eighth grade so we can anticipate having 15 in High School next fall. Once again the tuition costs will be increased throughout the State.

REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

The reason for the large amount unexpended in this account is that all of the work we expected to do has not been completed.

We hope this year, however, of finishing this work. We hope to complete the painting, and to replace the front doors.

Some desks were purchased to replace the old and worn out ones.

BUDGET

The budget as prepared by the Superintending School Committee again shows a decrease. We hope that this will enable the Town to appropriate sufficient funds to install modern toilet facilities and running water.

Common Schools	\$3,599 69
High School Tuition	1,900 00
High School Conveyance	262 50
Books and Supplies	400 00
Superintendence	357 50
Repairs and Equipment	300 00
Office Expense	60 00
Insurance	100 00
Interest on School Fund	45 00
Dental Project	30 00
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	\$7,054 69

CONCLUSION

Last year a sinking fund of \$500.00 was established in order to improve the sanitary facilities at the Berry Mills school. We hope that enough can be raised this year to install modern toilet facilities and running water.

Mr. Bruce Kinney, former Superintendent of Schools, and I wish to express our thanks for the unending efforts of the School Board, Town Officials and Citizens to make the Carthage School better.

Respectfully submitted,

WOODROW A. MERCIER,

Superintendent of Schools.

Financial Statement – 1953

COMMON SCHOOLS

Receipts

Appropriation	\$3,642 77
Balance 1952	1,268 79
Interest on School Fund	45 00
Transferred from State Fund	4,300 00
Fireman's Aux. So. Carthage (Wood)	35 00
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	\$9,291 56

Expenditures

Teachers' Salaries	\$4,539 00
Janitor and Cleaning	135 49
Conveyance	1,851 14
Tuition — Dixfield	776 00
Fuel	276 92
Professional Credits	50 00
Miscellaneous	17 00
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	\$7,645 55
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Balance	\$1,646 01

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Receipts

Appropriation	\$1,800 00
Transferred from State Fund	1,176 70
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	\$2,976 70

Expenditures

Town of Mexico	\$ 120 00
Town of Dixfield	2,601 70
No. Yarmouth Academy	255 00
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	\$2,976 70

HIGH SCHOOL CONVEYANCE

Receipts

Balance 1952	\$ 38 00	
Appropriation	225 00	
Received of Alton Jones	10 00	

 \$273 00

Expended		\$246 00
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Balance		\$ 27 00
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BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriation	\$300 00	
Transferred from State Fund	530 09	

 \$830 09

Expended		\$830 09
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REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

Receipts

Overdraft Appropriation	\$574 12	
Appropriation	600 00	

 \$1,174 12

Expenditures

Overdraft 1952	\$574 12	
Expended	204 19	

 \$778 31

Balance		\$395 81
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SUPERINTENDENCE

Receipts

Overdraft Appropriation	\$ 32 65	
Appropriation	352 00	
Transferred from State Fund	45 05	

 \$429 70

Expenditures

Overdraft 1952	\$ 32 65	
Expended	397 05	
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OFFICE EXPENSES

Balance 1952	\$ 1 10	
Appropriation	60 00	
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Expended		57 85
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Balance		\$ 3 25

INSURANCE

Balance 1952	\$ 3 79	
Appropriation	95 00	
Transferred from State Fund	33 71	
	<hr/>	\$132 50
Expended		\$132 50

DENTAL PROJECT

Balance 1952	\$ 5 00	
Appropriation	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$30 00
Expended		\$25 00
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Balance		\$ 5 00

STATE SUBSIDY

State Fund		\$6,085 55
Transferred to:		
Common Schools	\$4,300 00	
High School Tuition	1,176 70	
Books and Supplies	530 09	
Superintendence	45 05	
Insurance	33 71	
	<hr/>	\$6,085 55

RECAPITULATION

	Receipts	Expenditures	Balance	Overdraft
Common Schools	\$ 9,291 56	\$ 7,645 55	\$ 1,646 01	
High School Tuition	2,976 70	2,976 70		
High School Conveyance	273 00	246 00	27 00	
Books and Supplies	830 09	830 09		
Repairs and Equipment	1,174 12	778 31	395 81	
Superintendence	429 70	429 70		
Office Expense	61 10	57 85	3 25	
Insurance	132 50	132 50		
Dental Project	30 00	25 00	5 00	
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Total Unexpended	\$15,198 77	\$13,121 70	\$ 2,077 07	
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	\$15,198 77	\$15,198 77	\$ 2,077 07	\$2,077 07

Progress Report on Mouth Health Project

CARTHAGE — SEPTEMBER 1953

To the Carthage School Department:

Children from the Carthage school were included in the mouth health project which took place and was recently completed at the Weld school. Ten students were transported to Weld to receive sodium fluoride applications, given by a registered dental hygienist from the Division of Dental Health.

The most decay prevention prevails when a mild solution of sodium fluoride is applied to newly erupted teeth. Therefore, children in the second and fifth grades, who have many new permanent teeth, were included in the project.

During the first appointment, the child received a professional cleaning of his teeth, a mouth examination made with mouth mirror and explorer, and an application of sodium fluoride. Each child was also given individual instructions as to what he could do to improve his mouth health. On the following three days each child received another application of sodium fluoride solution to complete the recommended series.

In addition to those receiving sodium fluoride applications, children of the sub-primary and first grades received mouth examinations and individual instructions.

Classroom discussions including the correct use of a toothbrush, proper diet, and the importance of regular dental care, were held in both rooms in the Carthage school.

A total of 26 children received mouth examinations and individual instruction. Of these, 10 started and 9 completed the series of sodium fluoride applications. Only 8 of these children were considered to have clean mouths at the time of examinations. This shows that proper

and more home care is needed. Parents and teachers could help the children by urging them to brush their teeth. There were only 2 children who had no active dental decay, the remaining 24 being in need of dental care. Of the total 26 children, 8 said they had been to the dentist. We do hope that more children will be able to visit their dentist this year.

At this time I wish to thank all those who made my work with the Carthage children so very enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHLEEN NILES,

Dental Hygienist.

October 1953

Report of the Music Supervisor

To Whom It May Concern: —

I entered the Carthage School system as Music Supervisor in the fall of the year 1952 and was reelected in the same capacity for the school year 1953 through June 1954. The music education program is much the same this year with emphasis on the promotion of the instrumental study as well as the vocal.

Instrumental Music

This year the instrumental work includes the study of the trumpet, trombone, tonets, and the stringed instruments such as guitar and related types. On several occasions the Instrumental players from Carthage have joined the School Union band and helped in the programs. The band students are invited to practice every Monday night at Dixfield Grammar School with the School Union Band and Orchestral group. Class instruction in instrumental work is given every Friday at 2:00-2:30 P. M. for band work.

Vocal Music

Each class is voice tested and the students are grouped to form a chorus composed of three choirs, namely choir 1, choir 2, and choir 3, according to their vocal range and ability.

The sub-primary, 1st and 2nd grades are grouped together for choral work. The 3rd and 4th grades are grouped together. This year new music books have helped much to build the note reading ability of these students.

The 5th, 6th and 7th grades are grouped together and have a chorus of three respective choirs. They have a developing repertoire.

Theory used in school is taught along with singing in grades 5th through the 7th as incidental work in correlation with a written program which helps to promote understanding of note reading. Music note books are kept through these grades for assignments and required written work.

The aim of music education here this year is to develop a better understanding of vocal and instrumental music through active participation in choral and band work.

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to the superintendent, teachers and the people of Carthage for their interest in school music.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD H. NICHOLS,

Music Supervisor.

South Franklin County Tuberculosis and Health Association

The twenty-sixth annual report of this association is submitted to the citizens of the town of Carthage, for the year of 1953.

One of the chief functions of the public health nurse is interpretation. Because of her professional background, and special training in teaching technique and social welfare, she fills the gap between the home, school and community.

To the school she interprets home conditions and cooperation, the physician's findings, the community's resources, and the health aspects of their program. To the home she interprets the school health program, the program of various agencies, and other resources, the physician's findings and recommendations. To the public she interprets the unmet needs of the community and how action may be stimulated to correct them.

By attending meetings and conferences she gains a knowledge of the resources available, and she has a better understanding of the function of other agencies and their cooperation. This year the staff conferences of the public health nurses of this district have been directed towards a study of the agencies to whom we might turn for aid, or help in understanding the problems of our families.

A great deal of interest in Mental Health is manifest throughout the state. Groups have been organized for study and to determine how this need should be approached and how facilities may be extended. It is recognized that 50% of the people who consult a doctor, have some mental problem. By mental health we do not mean insane, but that they have some emotional problem, or personality maladjustment which prevents them from living happily and successfully, and which may lead to disease eventually.

Our Mental Health Committee visited the psychologist for this district for information about the program offered. They learned that guidance clinics were held in Lewiston, where children may be referred for psychiatric testing for grade placement, or other reason, for clinical treatment for emotional problems, and that an educational pro-

gram for public health nurses and teachers, to aid them in working with parents and children, and with groups, as PTA, church groups, clubs, etc., were available.

With an Intelligence Quotient of 100, with no emotional disorders or personality maladjustments, a child should do the work of his grade level. If his I.Q. is 110 he should do it easily. If it is 90 he has to make special efforts. In the 80's it is very difficult for him but with the cooperation at home and consideration of the teacher he can do it. Lower than that allowance must be made for him. If parents and teachers are using pressure to make him do work beyond his native ability, it is easily seen where an emotional problem will arise and a personality defect develop, from which he may never recover. If a child with a 110 I.Q., or any other level, comes from a home where there is discord, neglect, overindulgence, or a broken home, or where there is conflict between home and school or playmates, the tension can prevent him from doing his best work. Some physical defects create the same problem. His native ability does not change but some environmental conditions underlying his emotional upset may be modified. So much is involved between home, school and community that there is no easy solution, but facing a problem and having some understanding of it, can relieve much of the tension, even though some of the contributing factor can not be eliminated.

Audiometer tests were done in grades four to eight. 10 were re-tested. We are permitted to refer hard of hearing clinic at Waterville if the family doctor wishes. The Services for the Blind are much broader in their program than formerly, and have aided in some of your vision cases. The Division of Special Education for Handicapped Children do aid in some instances.

Dr. Defoe completed the immunizations and examined the sub-primary grade, so that all of the children in school have had an examination within a year. There are still children who have not had their immunizations, and you know from experience that until they do there is that danger of those diseases. The request slips for tuberculin tests have been slow in returning and this has postponed the test. Dr. Fisher, Director of the Bureau of Health, has stated that the major communicable disease problem in Maine is tuberculosis.

The association has purchased a projector and it is hoped to show health films to groups in homes. We are particularly interested in neighborhood groups where we may have an opportunity to discuss the subject afterwards.

Visits to the homes have been, to adults 7, to school children 29, to preschool 14, and to babies 6. There were 25 interviews to others regarding the work, and twenty conferences with teachers.

We are most anxious that you form a Health Council this year, and send a delegate to the District meeting which will be held in May.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVE BONSEY, R.N.,

Executive Secretary.

Report of Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

39 Males	\$35 10
8 Females	39 20
10 Spayed	9 00
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	\$83 30

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	13
Deaths	10
Marriages	2

PEARL HUTCHINSON,

Town Clerk.

Health Officer's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 12, 1954

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Scarlet Fever	15
Influenza	3
Measles	26
Burial of dead animals	4

A. E. BURGESS,

Health Officer.

Berry Mills Fire Company

REPORT FOR 1953

Appropriated	\$200 00	
Unexpended balance from 1952-53	61 40	
Available		\$261 40
Expended		30 09
Unexpended Balance		\$231 31

Equipment on hand:

- 1 1½" N. S. Thread Female
- 1 1½" I. P. Thread Male
- 1 1½" I. P. Thread Female
- 1 1½" N. S. Thread Male
- 1 K. S. Light
- 1 trailer — 1 pump
- 300 ft. 2½" hose
- 600 ft. 1½" hose
- 1 3" suction hose
- 2 Indian pumps
- 3 ½" nozzles
- 1 2½ gallon, Foam Extinguisher — 3 refills
- 2 Carbon Tet. Extinguishers
- 1 foot valve

This Company has attended 2 forest fires.

Present membership — 1 Fire Chief.

Four meetings were held with an average attendance of 1.

HURCHIAL E. NOYES,

Fire Chief.

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South Carthage Fire Company

REPORT FOR 1953

Appropriated	\$300 00	
Unexpended balance from 1952-53	56 12	
Available		\$356 12
Expended		380 28
Overdrawn		\$24 16

Equipment on hand February 4, 1954:

- 1 Combination Pumper and Tank — 500 gal. capacity
- 5 Smith Indian pumps
- 6 Extinguishers — 1 quart size
- 1 Length 4" Hard Suction hose
- 1 Length 2½" Hard Suction hose
- 200 feet 1½" Linen hose
- 500 feet 1¼" Rubber hose
- 200 feet ¾" Garden hose
- Nozzles, Adapters and Reducers (to permit the 450 feet to be used as one line)
- 1 First Aid Kit
- 1 Set Fire Line tools
- 1 Roof Ladder — 16 ft.
- Mechanics Tools (value \$25.00)

Present membership	10
Average attendance at meetings	5
Calls to local fires	0
Calls to out of town fires	1

We were called to help extinguish a fire at the dump in East Dixfield and were well pleased with the performance of the truck and pump.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. SMITH,

Assistant Fire Chief.